

THE BACHELOR MAID'S DEN.

PRETTY APARTMENT FOR OCCUPANCY OF A FEMININE OWNER.

**Suggestions for Picturesque Effects
in a Room Which is Sleeping
Place and Reception
Chamber Combined.**

For some time past, to have a den or room of her own, where everything is her ownest own, has been a fad with our girls. Not only with the professional bachelor girl, living in one or two apartments, has this been so, but with the girl of leisure, who has the freedom of a whole house. It is to the girl that has come to town to study music or art, or who is self-dependent, who is not satis-

to take up her abode in a second or third-rate apartment, that these few suggestions for picturesque interior effects in limited space are offered. Where several club together they can afford better and pleasanter quarters than where one rooms alone.

Of course, the foremost idea is to utilize every square inch of space and to have a bedroom appear like a sitting-room, where you can receive your friends with comfortable privacy, and yet with

As receptacles for clothes, flat-topped trunks can be deceptively, and artistically treated by having fitted top cushions of plush, velvet, or fine leather, or of chintz, pretty linen, or, best of the three, denim outlined in Boston art silk or Roman floss. Two square pillows, each half the length of the particular trunk, stand up the back against the wall, as a pillow.

Rugs are to be much preferred to a carpet. Have either a large one in the center of the floor, or a number of small ones scattered around. Fur rugs with mounted heads are desirable.

Corner bookshelves, in L-shape, just two or three feet above the other, are the height of vogue, and several sets are used in one room. These do not take up floor space and are very effective, besides making a receptacle for bric-a-brac. Pretty curtains for these are made of soft tinted China silk or art denim, outlined in Roman

Another indispensable adjunct to the room of the bachelor maid is the tea table. This is pretty, either of bamboo or wicker, and a blue and white service of Japanese ware is considered very smart, though a collection of odd pieces is quite as much seen.

Where one room has to answer the purpose of three or four, two or three screens will be found most useful. Have one, at least, of the gold-embroidered Japanese kind. A piece of Japanese fretwork or a grille, to match the prevailing wood of the

room, over the doorway, or to cut off the corner to form a cozy nook, adds very much to the appearance of any room. The draperies are to be hung from it, a Bagdad-brocaded tapestry, Siberian linen or denim being suitable and stylish. If the furnishings are not to be changed often as is usually the case, choose rich, dark tones in your colorings, as more durable, both in color and wear, than the lighter shades.

If box couch is used for the day-bed, instead of the trundle, have another receptacle for clothes, besides the trunk tetrapete described above. A small ornamental

table can be used as a dressing case. Eschew any large, cumbersome pieces of furniture, and, if the space is circumscribed, avoid having any piece, especially the table, in the center of the floor. Have a clear, open space there.

With some few good pictures, a watercolor, an etching or two, a plaque and a plaster-cast mask as wall decorations, our busy woman may have as congenial surroundings as her sister in her whirlhouse.

THE MOTHER'S CURSE.
It Resulted in the Awful Suicide of a
Fireman at Mandan,
N. D.
Two weeks ago, Joseph Williams, fireman on the Northern Pacific coast passenger train, in a moment of insanity threw himself into the firebox of his locomotive and was instantly burned to death.

The frightful manner in which Williams ended his life brings to light the fact that he was the victim of a woman's curse. The woman who was the cause of his death was running the switch engine in the Mandan, N. D., yards at the time a young girl was run down and crippled for life. She subsequently came into prominence through the appeals of her friends for postage stamps, with which to enable her to procure artificial limbs. The mother of the girl who was crippled by the engine, after the accident, assailed the young engineer with all the language at her com-

This was several years ago, but the words rang in the ears of the man who recently leaped into the furnace to his death. He could not forget the words: they were with him constantly. He seemed to hear them repeated every moment, and it was the mother's curse that finally drove him to take his life. It was an irresistible impulse that came over him on that fatal morning.

HE, ROYAL BRIDE TO BE.

her time in indulging in outdoor sports. She is the only daughter of her branch of the family, and is a great favorite with

her three brothers, and Grandfather's Cyril, the youngest, is the only one who is considerably older than she. She has been allowed to join them in their amusements much more frequently than is usual with Russian girls of any class, and, as a consequence, she is a good fencer and an excellent shot, and her powers as a pedestrian are above the average. Like most Russians, she is extremely fond of music, and during the winter she is often allowed to accompany them to the opera.

As it is the Russian custom for daughters

of the imperial house to appear at public festivities at a much earlier age than are the children of other royal families, the grand duchess has already appeared at many of the state functions of the court and has created a decidedly favorable impression.

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